

## LOCAL NEWS.

### TIME TABLE—A., T. & S. F. R. R.

GOING EAST.	GOING WEST.
Passenger, 12:30 A. M.	Passenger, 3:30 P. M.
Passenger, 12:45 P. M.	Passenger, 5:30 P. M.
Emigrant, 10:45 A. M.	Emigrant, 7:30 A. M.
Freight, 7:20 P. M.	Freight, 12:30 P. M.
Freight, 3:19 A. M.	Freight, 1:45 A. M.

J. McGINNIS, Agent.

The steam horse made fun for the boys.

The delightful weather reminds us of the sore and yellow autumn.

The watermelon crop slowly cometh. Does the grasshopper sit on the vine!

Business is better than in any previous year in Dodge City; and the fall trade will be lively.

The Arkansas river is still up high, and with this stage of water we may look for more rain.

The steaming up of Mr. Rath's road engine attracted as much attention as a callopo at a circus.

The Dodge City Flouring Mills are running day and night, such is the demand for flour and feed.

There was no special term of the District Court held this week. The regular term will be held in October.

Cattle shipping is in progress. About 125 cars were shipped in July, and the number will reach the thousands before the season closes.

At the auction sale this week Judge Fringer bought a wagon, bake oven and hoe. To complete a freighting outfit he needs a pair of bronchos and a side of bacon.

The rainfall in July was greater than for several years past. The total rainfall was 5.06 inches, 2.36 inches falling in one night. Thunder storms occurred on the 6th, 8th, 12th, 13th, 21st and 29th. The highest temperature was 103.7 degrees on the 20th and the lowest 57.7 on the 27th. See Signal Officer's report.

### PERSONAL

—Mr. Ford's family have removed to Chillicothe, O., their former home.

—Miss Grace Huel, niece of Mrs. Marsh returned to her home in Danville, Ill. on Saturday night last.

—Fred Singer and family have returned from a visit to Mr. Birchfield's family in Harbour county.

—Judge J. C. Straug was in the city Tuesday. The Judge has no opposition for re-election.

—Mrs. E. W. Evans and two children are going for a few weeks' visit to friends in Colorado.

—Mrs. Samuel Gallagher arrived from Illinois yesterday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher will occupy the new residence near the mill.

—Col. Tom Jones has gone for a short visit to Cottonwood, Topeka, Atchison, Bismark Grove, Lawrence, Wyandotte, Kansas City and Warrensburg, Mo. We hope he will enjoy himself.

—Neison Adams, of Larned, and J. C. Ellis, of Kinsley, were in the city Sunday. Adams is a candidate for United States Senator, and Ellis would like a seat in the House. We hope they will get there.

### THE WEATHER IN JULY.

John Huettnermueller, Signal Officer, makes the following meteorological report for the month of July, as observed at this station:

Mean barometer	29.922
Highest	30.134
Lowest	29.575
Range of	0.559
Mean temperature	77.8
Highest temperature (on 20th)	103.7
Lowest	57.7
Range of	46.0
Mean humidity	66.1
Total monthly movement of wind	7,791
Prevailing direction of wind	Southeast.
Max. velocity and direction of wind	46 miles N W on 6th.
Total rainfall, 5.06 inches.	
Clear days 13, fair days 12, cloudy days 6	
days on which rain fell 11.	
Comparative temperature from 1875 to present year during July:	
1875—75.5, 1876—79.6, 1877—77.5,	
1878—80.0, 1879—80.4, 1880—76.4	
1881—77.8.	

Comparative rainfall since 1875 to present year during month of July—

1875—5.26 inches on days.
1876—5.36 inches on days.
1877—1.79 inches on days.
1878—1.61 inches on days.
1879—3.80 inches on days.
1880—4.00 inches on days.
1881—5.06 inches on days.

This is a prolific season all round, except for fleas; they thrive in dry weather. Grasshoppers, weeds, potato bugs, sun flowers and sorghum and candidates for county offices grow numerously and luxuriantly in wet seasons. The crop of candidates is nearly ripe while the harvest time is three months yet due. The prolific season, we should remark, is an evidence of civilization. Were there not a half dozen candidates for each office we should think Ford county was retrograding, but the candidates spring up with the sunflowers. They don't wait for the people to bring them out, though the people must let some of them down. There are four candidates for Sheriff, five candidates for Treasurer, five candidates for County Clerk. The offices of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Register of Deeds and Coroner are to be filled. There are a few candidates for these places. It is becoming common talk about who is running—and we fear some of the candidates will tire out before election. The primary election system is being urged for the selection of a ticket. By this manner the people select whatever candidates they prefer; and as this method is a fair expression of the people, it cannot fail to give satisfaction to the people, if not the candidates. Our esteemed contemporary Mr. Frost is in the race for county clerk. Dan is a hardy annual, and blossoms every time and just previous to an election. He has the good qualities of a candidate—cheer and pluck.

The Boston wool market during last week was decidedly quiet, and few buyers made their appearance. This was expected. A quiet market is looked for in August. Buyers seem to be in no hurry to secure large supplies, thinking the market may turn in their favor, but there are no signs of weakness yet, and holders are confident that prices will be maintained. Prices are now comparatively low, fine Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces ranging 1c a pound lower than in the corresponding week of last year. There is a very confident feeling in the future of the market, as there is less wool to fall back upon than last year, with the prospects of a better and healthier trade ahead. Prices of Territory wool 14 to 32c, Texas 22 to 31, Missouri 27 to 33c.

Chas. Rath received on Monday a portable engine and boiler, which he is having hauled to a point near Mobestie, in the Pan Handle, where he intends constructing a saw mill. He can find timber enough to saw up between 300,000 and 400,000 feet of lumber, suitable for ordinary buildings. The high price of lumber in that section will make this enterprise a profitable one. The machinery is easily moved from place to place. By the way, Mobestie is becoming a place of some importance, and a number of buildings are going up. A newspaper will soon be printed there. A saloon and church were established there long ago. Parson Weed is chaplain of the town.

Justice Lyman, who is in the employ of the Santa Fe railroad at Raton, was in the city yesterday. He says carpenters are in demand there. Mr. Lyman's family live in Cimarron, having located there three years ago, but he was compelled to seek employment in Colorado and New Mexico for two years past, and we are glad to learn that he has done well. He holds faith in the country and will endeavor to invest his means in stock. Settlers who have remained begin to realize the importance of stock raising, and now their earnings are soon accumulated in cows and sheep.

A few more of those best Sewing Machines, for sale by F. C. ZIMMERMANN.

Some idea of the importance of the water service of this division of the railroad company at the present time can be seen from the following which we get from McGowan, who has charge of the division. He has 91 on his pay roll, 20 steam pumps engineers and 71 laborers. The engineers receive \$40 per month and the laborers \$17.75 per day. There was 11½ tons of coal and 58 cwt loads of stone used by this department during the month of July. They are at present digging a large well at Kinsley and one at this place. They are also digging a drain from the round house to Bull creek, two car loads of tilling for the latter having arrived Monday. Two years ago there were but three men employed in this department.—Nickerson Argosy.

### SHEEP NOTES.

—Whether or not it pays to raise wethers is the question. A well known sheep man in this vicinity last year purchased 1200 head of young wethers, paying \$1.75 per head. Last spring he clipped an average of six pounds of wool, making 7,200 pounds, for which he received \$1800. The probable cost of feeding and care of this flock was fifty cents per head, making \$600 expenses. This fall these wethers will be sold at not less than \$3.75 and probably \$3.00 per head, to persons who will fatten them for the spring market and sell to butchers at an average of \$5 per head. The profits of the first investment are just \$2 per head—\$1 on the increased growth, and deducting expenses, \$1 on the wool. A profit of \$2,400 on an investment of \$2,100. It is likely that he will sell at \$3, making the profits \$300.00 more. Any one having the means and the feed will find buying wethers a profitable enterprise. Wethers do not require the attention and care of ewes, and the losses are much lighter. The finer the grade the higher the price, but the greater the quantity of wool.

—The sheep market begins to show activity by the appearance of buyers, and a number of sales are on the move. Last year sales did not commence until after this time and continued until winter set in; in fact sales would have continued much longer had not stormy weather set in earlier than usual. There is a greater inquiry for sheep this year, and we look for much larger sales. Sheep sellers must have patience; there are four months yet in which to make sales. In the meantime sheep are growing and fattening on the fine range, and will be in better condition for selling. September and October will be good months for sales—the time better suited for farmers.

—Mexican sheep soon become accustomed to feeding in Kansas, allowing them to pick the feed from the ground, according to their natural habits. Sheep soon cut down a corn or sorghum patch, and eat the stalks clean to the ground. Kansas sheep growers leave their corn and sorghum fields stand, driving the sheep in the fields for a short time each day.

—W. Tarbox sold 1000 2-year old wethers to M. L. Washburn at \$3.50 per head. He guarantees them to shear eight pounds of wool per head. This is a low price for this grade of sheep. Mr. Washburn is an old sheep grower. He will drive to a point east of this place.

—H. L. Norton, of Kinsley, advertises a fine lot of sheep and heifers for sale. Mr. Norton has an extensive stock farm near Kinsley, fitted up with commodious barns and sheds. We believe he intends to devote his time to the raising of thoroughbred cattle.

—The Dodge City Live Stock Commission Company are daily in receipt of letters from all parts of the west, making inquiries about sheep. We should judge that the sheep market will soon boom from the number of letters received.

—Henry S. Mudge offers 300 graded ewes and 300 lambs for sale. He intends engaging in raising fine cattle. He says there is money in sheep. He will keep a few on hand.

—L. V. Lewis was in the city Monday. He had closed a sale of 3,000 ewes at fair prices, and was on his way west to receive several thousand head more, which he will place on the market.

—Mr. Mills, a sheep buyer is in the city. He says farmers are busy finishing harvest and haying, and the men who intend investing in sheep will be along in a few weeks.

—M. A. Redon is holding 5,000 graded wethers on the range south. He will not offer them for sale until late in the season. Mr. Redon was in the city yesterday.

—Gilbert Brothers, of Pueblo, have ten thousand head of fine sheep on the market. These gentlemen arrived in the city Sunday.

—A number of sheep buyers are in the market this week.

50,000 Brisk, for sale by F. C. ZIMMERMANN.

Walter Streater started last night for a visit to friends in Germany, where he will remain a short time. We wish him a pleasant trip to the Fatherland.

The Great White Wash Line is established. Tickets for sale by Chalk Bosson. Dick Evans is master of transportation. Reduced rates are offered.

### SPEARVILLE ITEMS.

—Gilbert Bros. of Pueblo have arrived. They have 10,000 head of graded sheep coming, consisting of 4,000 wethers and 6,000 ewes and lambs. They are expected to arrive here about 10th of this month. Those desiring to buy should not fail to see these sheep before purchasing.

—Our latest information from Dodge City is: that politics is running high with candidates enough to fill all the offices to be voted for at the coming fall election. That being the case, it will not be necessary to call into active service the talent of the east end. [Yes, the candidates are standing five and six deep.—Ed.]

—A daughter is the latest arrival in P. J. Upp's family.

John Groendyke, appointed Principal of the Dodge City Schools, came in yesterday. He will return to Rice county and remain until a day or two before school opens.

Wm. B. Strong offers a gold watch worth \$150 to the best looking agent along the main line and branches of the Santa Fe. The agents will all assemble in Topeka on the first day of the fair.

A herd of two thousand buffalo is reported as being in Cheyenne county near the Colorado line, about eighty-five miles west of Oberlin, says the Herald. Two famous buffalo hunters started in pursuit.

The President continues to make favorable progress toward recovery. One good feature of his case is an increased appetite. He now partakes more freely of solid food, and his bill-o'-fare has been extended to embrace several things hitherto forbidden, including coffee, of which he drank half a cup yesterday for the first time.

The National Live Stock Journal thus sums up the reasons why every farmer should have a flock of sheep. A farm can be stocked with sheep for less money than with cattle horses or hogs. Sheep will come nearer to utilizing everything that grows on the farm than other animals. Less labor will be required for getting feed and stock together. The returns will come in sooner and oftener than with any other stock except hogs. Less money is required for shelter and fencing, and less labor is involved in herding, where outside pasturage is accessible and preferred. And finally a handsome income on the investment can be had without the sale of the animals themselves.

### CATTLE AND SHEEP FOR SALE.

I Have about SEVEN HUNDRED YEARLING EWES, Highly graded Merinos; SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARLING WETHERS; THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MISSOURI EWES, and THREE HUNDRED LAMBS.

These sheep are acclimated and healthy. Will sell in lots to suit purchasers. Can be seen at my place five miles east of Kinsley.

ALSO, FIVE HUNDRED TWO-YEAR OLD TEXAN HEIFERS.

The cattle are on the range fifty miles southeast of Kinsley, and in fine condition.

H. L. NORTON.

Postoffice Kinsley, Kas.

For information regarding sheep, apply to and-1m H. A. HUBBARD, Dodge City.

### EWES AND LAMBS FOR SALE.

900 HIGH GRADED MERINO EWES, for sale; one to four years old; sheared six pounds of wool. Also, Three hundred LAMBS by imported Vermont Bucks.

HENRY S. MUDGE, and Marcus P. O., Hodgeman county, Kas.

### PUBLICATION NOTICE.

STATE OF KANSAS, ss. Ford county.

In the District Court of the Sixteenth Judicial District within and for Ford county, State of Kansas.

G. F. BICKLE, Plaintiff, vs. MARY BICKLE, Defendant.

THE defendant Mary Bickle is hereby notified that she has been cited in the above entitled suit in the District Court of Ford county, State of Kansas, and that said G. F. Bickle, plaintiff, did on the 23 day of August, A. D. 1881, file his petition in the office of the Clerk of the District Court within and for the county of Ford and State of Kansas, charging said Mary Bickle with adultery, and asking that he may be divorced from said Mary Bickle, defendant. And the said Mary Bickle is hereby notified that she is required to appear and answer said petition on or before the 28th day of September, A. D. 1881, or the petition will be taken as true and judgment for decree for divorce granted said G. F. Bickle.

Dated this 24 day of August, 1881. H. P. MYTON, Clerk District Court. G. F. Bickle, by E. H. Borton, his attorney.